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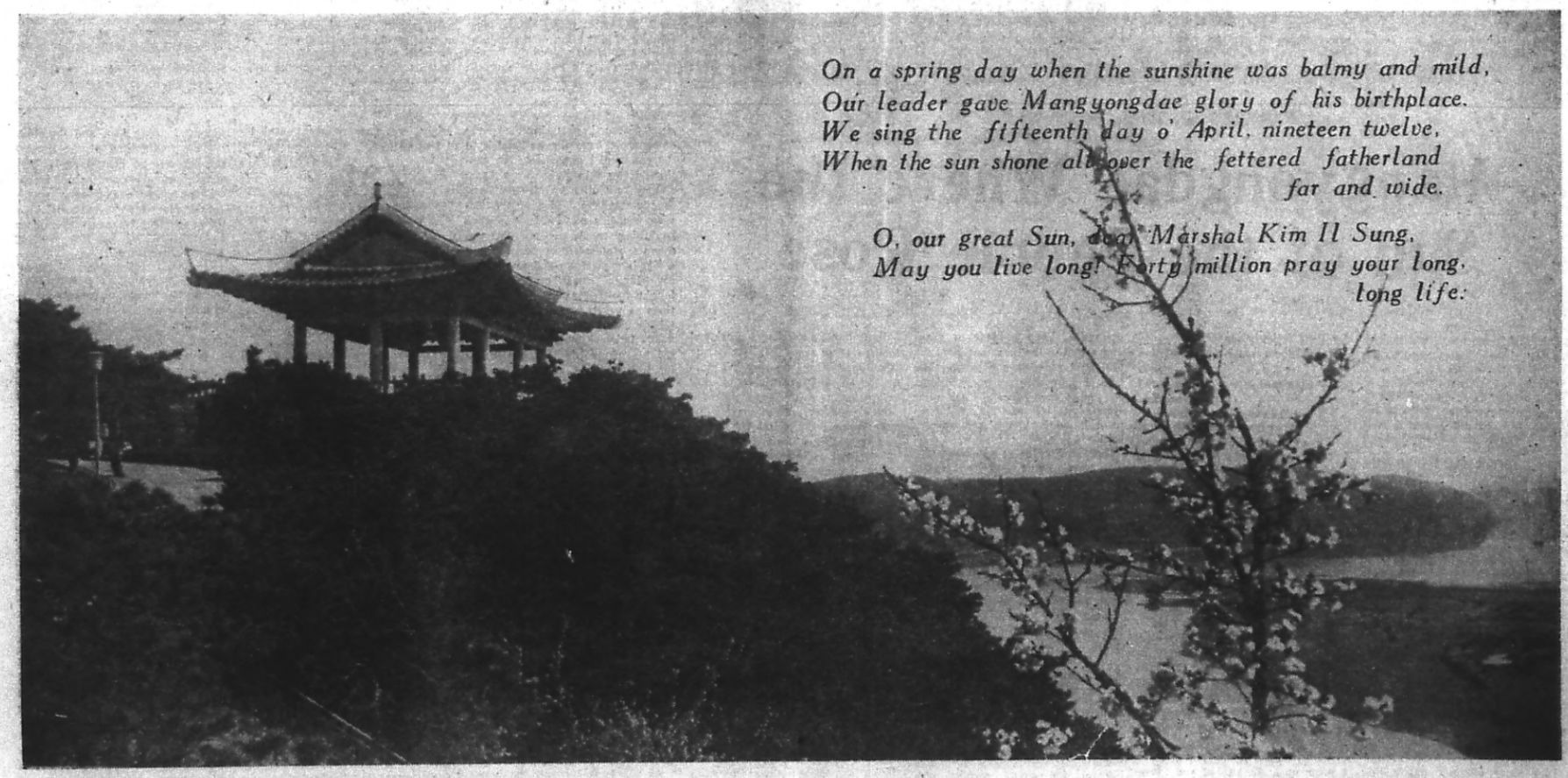
Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved leader of our Party and people, has dedicated his all to the struggle for the restoration of the fatherland and the freedom and well-being of the people, for the victory of the cause of socialism and communism and for the triumph of the international communist movement and the anti-imperialist national liberation struggle, cleaving his path attended with the severest ordeals in the annals of modern history, over a period of half a century since he set out on the revolution in his early years.

He originated the *Juche* idea, the correct Marxist-Leninist guiding ideology for our revolution, and, leading the Korean revolution to victory, liberated the country, established an advanced socialist system and built up a socialist industrial State in our country. Through his theoretical and practical activities characterized by profundity and uniqueness, he made a great contribution to the development of Marxism-Leninism and the world revolutionary struggle.

Today the Korean people look up to Comrade Kim Il Sung as the sun of the nation and as their great leader and have unbounded respect and reverence for him, fully determined to render devoted service as his faithful soldiers.

Possessed of scientific revolutionary theory and rich experience and endowed with extraordinary ability of leadership and lofty virtues, the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung has guided our people straight along the glorious road of victory, weathering through the storm of long-drawn revolutionary struggle. Invincible are the Korean people who advance with vigour under his leadership, united close around him.

A LONG LIFE TO PRESIDENT KIM IL SUNG, OUR RESPECTED AND BELOVED LEADER



On a spring day when the sunshine was balmy and mild,
Our leader gave Mangyongdae glory of his birthplace.
We sing the fifteenth day o' April, nineteen twelve,
When the sun shone all over the fettered fatherland far and wide.

O, our great Sun, dear Marshal Kim Il Sung,
May you live long! Forty million pray your long, long life.

Mt. Paekdu-san, the holy mountain of revolution

EDITORIAL

Glorious Life, Immortal Achievements

April 15 is the 61st birthday of Marshal Kim Il Sung, President of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the great revolutionary leader.

On this auspicious day, all the Korean people extend their greatest honour and warmest congratulations to their great leader, and heartily wish him good health and a long life.

President Kim Il Sung's 50-year-long glorious history of revolutionary struggle shines brightly with his immortal exploits.

Born into a patriotic, revolutionary family in Mangyongdae near Pyongyang on April 15, 1912, the President started his revolutionary struggle in his early years. For 50 years since, he has devoted himself entirely to the struggle for his country and people and for the victory of the cause of socialism and communism.

In the early days of his revolutionary struggle, President Kim Il Sung, the great thinker and theoretician, founded the immortal *Juche* idea to illuminate the road ahead of the Korean people. He said:

"In a nutshell, the idea of *Juche* means that the masters of the revolution and construction are the masses of the people and that they are also the motive force of the revolution and construction." ("On Some Problems of Our Party's *Juché* Idea and the Government of the Republic's Internal and External Policies," Eng. ed., p. 1.)

The great *Juche* idea contains the truth that man is the master of all things and decides everything. It is a correct Marxist-Leninist guiding idea leading the revolutionary struggle to victory.

The creation of the *Juche* idea by President Kim Il Sung marked a revolutionary turning point in the history of human thought; it was an event of world-historic significance which carried Marxism-Leninism to a new, higher plane.

With the founding of the *Juche* idea by President Kim Il Sung, the Korean people have been able to push forward their revolutionary struggle, acting on their own judgement, relying on the internal revolutionary forces and maintaining the attitude of a master and the independent and creative stands in carrying out the Korean revolution.

The whole course of the Korean people's revolutionary struggle was a proud course in which the *Juche* idea was put into practice and won victories.

In the grimmest days of Japanese imperialist rule President Kim Il Sung advanced the line of anti-Japanese armed struggle, the *Juche*-oriented revolutionary line for the Korean revolution, and founded the Korean People's Revolutionary Army, the first revolutionary armed force of the Korean people. In the difficult situation in which there was neither State to provide a rear nor foreign assistance and support by any regular army, he successfully organized and led the anti-Japanese armed struggle for 15 years, defeated the Japanese imperialists, and brought liberation to the country. In this course, he built up the glorious revolutionary traditions, the valuable revolutionary assets of the Korean people and the Workers' Party of Korea.

After liberation the Korean people rid themselves of the shameful fate of a stateless nation once and for all and entered upon the road of national rebirth.

President Kim Il Sung, drawing on the glorious revolutionary traditions, founded the Party, people's power and regular revolutionary armed forces without delay and successfully carried out the agrarian reform and other tasks of the anti-imperialist, anti-feudal democratic revolution in spite of the difficult and complex situation prevailing after liberation.

As a result, in the northern half of the Republic the new socio-economic relations were formed, a people's democratic system was firmly established, and the sound revolutionary democratic base, a sure guarantee for national reunification, created.

The Korean war ignited by the U.S. imperialist aggressors was a trying ordeal to the Korean people. But, with his wise guidance and outstanding strategy and tactics, President Kim Il Sung, the ever-victorious iron-willed brilliant commander, defeated the U.S. imperialist aggressors who boasted of being the strongest in the world, bringing about their decline for the first time in their history, and safeguarded the dignity of the motherland and nation with honour.

Things were very difficult immediately after the ceasefire. Everything was destroyed by the war and the people were at a loss what to do. It was hard to tell from where to begin and how. Even in this situation President Kim Il Sung did not show the slightest hesitation. He put forward a unique line of giving priority to the growth of heavy industry simultaneously with development of light industry and agriculture and correctly organized the people to implement it.

He also advanced an original policy of transforming economic forms along socialist lines in town and country prior to technological reorganization and led the entire Party and people to carry it out, thereby completing this difficult task in only 4-5 years.

As a result, an end was put once and for all to the exploiting system which had existed for thousands of years, and a most advanced, socialist system was firmly established. This was a great victory won by the Korean people in their grand onward movement toward socialism and communism.

President Kim Il Sung, making the most of the advantages offered by the triumphant socialist system, carried out the line of socialist industrialization. Thus he accomplished in only 14 years the difficult task of industrialization which took the capitalist countries a full century or even a few centuries. This converted Korea into a powerful socialist industrial state. With socialist industrialization Korea was provided with the firm material and technical foundations of socialism and is now capable of fully meeting by itself all the requirements for economic and defence construction as well as the people's demands for industrial products and agricultural produce.

While pushing ahead socialist economic construction he promoted defence building simultaneously, thereby laying up a mighty power for national self-defence which can repel any aggression of enemies at a blow.

He also presented an original policy of developing national culture and successfully put it into practice, ushering in the palmy days of national culture unprecedented in the Korean history.

His wise leadership has brought about a radical change in the people's politico-ideological life.

Today the Korean people are rallied closely around President Kim Il Sung, the great revolutionary leader. They are united firmly in a large, Red family under the communist slogan, "One for all and all for one," and their revolutionary ranks have grown and become unbreakable.

President Kim Il Sung is also skillfully paving the way for the building of socialism and communism in Korea. He has given scientific and unique solutions to the theoretical and practical problems arising in the revolution and construction in our time and is confidently leading the Korean people in the building of socialism and communism.

Thanks to the sagacious leadership of President Kim Il Sung, Korea, which suffered an eclipse on the world map, has now turned into a strong socialist state with full sovereignty, an independent national economy, invincible defence power and brilliant national culture. The Korean people, once oppressed and humiliated, are now leading an independent and creative life under the most excellent socialist system where the working people are made masters of all things and everything is in the service of them.

President Kim Il Sung makes it his life task to build a paradise of socialism and communism in Korea. From the first days of the national split by U.S. imperialism, he set forth the correct policy for the independent reunification of the country and has correctly guided the Korean people to carry it out. As a result, the north-south joint statement was made public on the basis of the three principles of national reunification advanced by him, and a bright prospect has been spread out in the struggle for the independent, peaceful reunification of the country.

President Kim Il Sung has made and is making great contributions to the world revolutionary movement.

On the basis of his *Juche* idea he advanced new theories on the anti-imperialist, anti-feudal democratic revolution, socialist revolution, the building of socialism and communism and the world revolution, and thus developed Marxism-Leninism to a new, higher plane.

He set an example of building socialism in the East which had been called a "colonial Asia," thereby illuminating the road to the successful building of socialism and communism, the ideal of mankind.

The great revolutionary leader Comrade Kim Il Sung has opened up a new era in the national liberation struggle in colonies by defeating in his life two formidable enemies, Japanese imperialism and U.S. imperialism, through the unprecedentedly arduous and severe revolutionary wars. Today he inspires the international working class and oppressed people to a vigorous struggle to hasten the final downfall of imperialism and for national independence and socialism.

President Kim Il Sung's immortal revolutionary exploits are associated with his boundlessly warm love for the people and his lofty communist virtues.

He leads the people, the masters of the country, to become revolutionaries, transformers of society and creators of history.

He finds himself always among the people, shares joys and sorrows with them and looks after every aspect of their life with paternal care.

Thanks to his wise guidance, our working people who have become the masters of the State power for the first time in the 5,000-year-long Korean history, enjoy all freedom and rights and dignity and live in plenty, equally and with nothing to worry.

The great revolutionary leader President Kim Il Sung commands boundless respect and absolute trust of the entire Korean people and the world revolutionary people, because of the great feats he has performed in leading the Korean revolution to victory by overcoming all sorts of difficulties, the deep-going and original ideological and theoretical activities he has conducted to give scientific answers to the fundamental questions arising in the revolutionary struggle of our time, his outstanding leadership ability with which he has led the revolution to victory without the slightest vacillation in any storm and stress and the great solicitude he has shown for the people.

Happy and glorious are the Korean people who have President Kim Il Sung, the peerless patriot, national hero, ever-victorious iron-willed brilliant commander and one of the outstanding leaders of the international communist and working-class movements, as their leader.

For greater glory and happiness, the Korean people are firmly determined to have President Kim Il Sung as their eternal leader, remain faithful to him to the last and invariably follow the road to victory indicated by him.

Victory and glory lie ahead of the Korean people who, holding aloft the revolutionary banner of the *Juche* idea, are advancing under the wise leadership of President Kim Il Sung, the great revolutionary leader.

Mangyongdae Where the Sun of the People Rose

One April morning, we took a bus for historic Mangyongdae, the revolutionary cradle.

Our bus sped out of the heart of Pyongyang and came to the fork of a road. Mangyongdae was not far off. The hills around seemed to welcome us with their bushy young pine trees.

The fork reminded us of what had happened in the autumn of 1945 when the whole land was seething with the joy of liberation. Our great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung on his way to Kangson passed the parting of the roads from where he could see within a calling distance his native place which he had missed for 20 years. But he did not drop in at his old home then, because he placed the well-being of the people above his own interests. So he went straight to Kangson to meet the workers there.

Now, we could see endless cars and buses passing this memorable crossroads and running to Mangyongdae carrying Young Pioneers, students and working people in their holiday best.

They sang of their happy life, with a feeling of infinite reverence for their fatherly leader.

A historic house of revolution stands
At the foot of a picturesque hill at Mangyongdae.
The blue water of the Taedong-gang River sweeps its bank.
Even flying birds are singing merrily in praise of it

Mangyongdae attracts many visitors. It gives them great joy, strength and confidence and inspires solemnity. For it is the revolutionary cradle and the spiritual birthplace of our people where the Korean revolution struck deep roots.

Here Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great leader of our Party and people, peerless patriot and national hero, was born and spent his childhood, and his patriotic and revolutionary family lived for generations.

We recollected what Comrade Kim Il Sung had spoken about his dear native place, Mangyongdae, during the hard-fought anti-Japanese armed struggle. He said in words to this effect:

Mangyongdae is the place where I grew up.... As all of you love your native villages, so I do Mangyongdae. Even a blade of grass and a tree in the homeland bear the love and care of our people. The trees I planted in my home village, too, must have grown much now. How can we restrain ourselves from thinking, loving and valuing all these things!

Indeed, everything at Mangyongdae, even a blade of grass or a tree, is closely associated with his lofty intention and the sincerity he showed in his childhood.

That is why people visit here in endless streams to learn from him.

Following a group of visitors we came to his old straw-thatched home at the foot of the Mangyong-bong Hill. This is the revolutionary house, whose image lives in the minds of our people as a source of inspiration.

It is in this house that Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great sun of our people, was born, and a new history of the Korean revolution began.

Though a humble cottage the like of which could be seen everywhere in our country before liberation, the historic house bespeaks the noble life of the great revolutionary family.

Farm tools, a misshapen crock and a discoloured water jar with many filled-up cracks are preserved in the house with great care in their original shape. All these pieces of family property are the evidence of the dire poverty, harsh repression and agonizing sufferings the family experienced as stateless people.

The history of his family tells that they had a fierce hatred for the enemy and a strong spirit of resistance.

His great-grandfather Kim Ung U took the lead in the battle for sinking the U.S. pirate ship "General Sherman" when she intruded into our territory. His grandfather Kim Bo Hyon encouraged his sons and grandsons to take the road of revolution, saying that a people deprived of their country had no choice but to resist. His grandmother Li Bo Ik urged them to foster a high ambition to achieve the great work of liberating the country. His father Kim Hyong Jik was an indomitable revolutionary fighter, an outstanding leader of the anti-Japanese national-liberation movement in our country and a great pioneer in changing the course of struggle from the nationalist to the communist movement. His mother Kang Ban Sok was a passionate revolutionary fighter and the outstanding leader of the Korean women's movement who gave beginning to the communist women's movement in our country.

His is a patriotic and revolutionary family whose members have fought the aggressors for generations as ardent patriots and indomitable revolutionary fighters.

His father Kim Hyong Jik devoted his whole life to the struggle for independence and the freedom and liberation of the people. He held that if he did not succeed in the struggle, his sons would continue the cause, because the independence of Korea must be won.

The following poem composed by him speaks for his indomitable fighting spirit and faith in victory.

Comrade, do you know
The green pine-tree standing on
Namsan Hill?
The rigors of snow and frost
Make strike
But life returns
When spring comes round
With warm sunshine.

Busy as he was with his revolutionary work, he would take his son to the top of the Mangyong-bong Hill overgrown with pines with a view to deeply implanting in his mind a lofty patriotic spirit. He also instilled in his son the indomitable will and strong fighting spirit of a revolutionary through his practical struggle.

As we looked round the house, the Sliding Rock and the Swinging Place, we were deeply moved by Kang Ban Sok's warm love for her son.

High is the sky,
Wide is the earth.
You become a man
Higher than the sky,
Wider than the earth!

This is the song Kang Ban Sok would sing to her son. It reflects her earnest wishes, deep love and great expectations for him.

She wanted to bring up her son as a son of the fatherland. She never thought of her children without thinking the future of the country and the revolution.

Thanks to such warm care and love of his magnanimous parents, Comrade Kim Il Sung could possess in his childhood all the features of an outstanding revolutionary leader.

He chose his study place on the top of picturesque Mangyong-bong Hill commanding an extensive view of mountains and fields, the rivers and the villages, where he sought the great revolutionary truth, a beacon light for our people.

Without his great revolutionary thinking which he nurtured at Mangyongdae and without his revolutionary family we can hardly think of our revolution and the bright future of communism to be built in our prospering country.

Visitors come to Mangyongdae with the feelings of unbounded reverence and gratitude for their great leader who, shouldering the destinies of the country and the people, has led the Korean revolution along the road of victory. Our people know well that their happy life of today owes to Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great sun of the people that rose at Mangyongdae.

He fostered the great revolutionary will at Mangyongdae in his early years and took the stormy road of revolution. He founded the immortal *Juche* idea and illuminated the road ahead of the Korean revolution in the grim days. He personally organized and led the heroic anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle for more than 20 years, defeated the brigandish Japanese imperialists and fulfilled the historic task of national liberation.

He has established an advanced, socialist system in our country where backwardness and poverty prevailed for centuries. Moreover, he has built an independent, rich and strong socialist industrial state with a powerful independent national economy, brilliant national culture and indestructible defence power.

Mangyongdae is, indeed, a place covered with glory, where the Korean revolution struck its deep historic roots for steady advance along the road of victory.

Today our people, with a feeling of reverence, chant the praises of Mangyongdae and the great love of their fatherly leader who struggles devotedly for their freedom and well-being.

Our dear, respected leader,
Living all his days for us,
Dedication to his people
For the fullest life.
Today our happiness,
So great it knows no bounds,
In his bosom like a father
All warm love is found.

Our people will sing of the great love and solicitude of their fatherly leader who has brought prosperity to our country and the happiness and glory to them and hand them down to posterity, following him to the limits of the earth and attending on him while the world goes round.

People in the World Acclaim Our Leader

Best Wishes of Our People

The April sun shines over the country. The mountains and rivers bask in its warm rays.

The spring has come. All things are returning to life. The people are full of joy, their revolutionary spirit runs high. In this season of hope our people celebrate the 61st birthday of Comrade Kim Il Sung, our respected and beloved leader, affectionate father and the revolutionary genius.

On this auspicious day all the Korean people—north and south Koreans, 600,000 Korean citizens in Japan and other overseas compatriots—offer their highest tribute and felicitation to Comrade Kim Il Sung who has worked with devotion for the people for sixty years, and sincerely wish a long life and good health to him.

These best wishes of our people are an expression of their feelings of deep gratitude for their fatherly leader who brought a happy life to them; it is an epitome of their acclamations for his immortal feats; it is a manifestation of sentiments of our people who fully believe in him and entrust the destiny of the country and their own fate to him; it is the demonstration of their firm determination to follow him to the last.

Korea thrives and the people live happily, because they are led by their great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung.

The Korean people, shackled to Japanese imperialism, underwent agonizing sufferings. All the territory was in a sea of blood. People were oppressed and ruthlessly trampled down. At the time of national suffering, what was the most cherished aspiration of the Korean people?

It was the restoration of their country and its independence; it was the liberty and emancipation of the people from exploitation and oppression. The people ardently desired to have their country freed from exploiters, landlords and capitalists and see the workers, peasants and the rest of the working people live as masters of everything under the flag of a powerful independent and sovereign state.

But their desire did not come true under the rule of aggressors and plunderers. The people rose and fought like an angry tiger, but failed. They groped for the way to realize their aspiration.

They craved for the appearance of an outstanding leader, the sun of the nation, who would shoulder the nation's destiny and lead the Korean revolution to victory.

The sun rose over the country in darkness. Comrade Kim Il Sung appeared as the saviour of our nation.

When he was 14 years old, our great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung crossed the Amnok-gang River, with the adamant resolve not to return until Korea would win independence. Then he embarked on the road of revolution and closely studied the desire of the people and demands of the revolution. He founded the *Juche* idea, the great Marxist-Leninist guiding idea, which lit up the way for Korea to advance.

The *Juche* idea is a great thought that calls for the emancipation of men from all fetters, the true independence of men and respect for them.

Upholding the banner of *Juche* idea, Comrade Kim Il Sung brought the Korean revolution to success and translated the aspiration of our people into reality.

During half a century when he led the Korean revolution, he won in the two severe revolutionary wars against the two strongest imperialist powers, Japan and the U.S. He successfully carried out the anti-imperialist, anti-feudal democratic revolution and socialist revolution, social revolutions for fulfilling the great tasks of two stages of the development of human history, and brilliantly effected the socialist industrialization in a short span of time, that is, in 14 years.

As a result, a most advanced socialist system without exploitation and oppression was established in our country and our people entered the era of great national prosperity.

Under the wise guidance of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung our country has become a strong socialist state with an independent sovereignty, powerful national economy, impregnable defence power and splendid national culture and our people live a happy life as an honorable, dignified nation.

With his revolutionary ideas and warm affection Comrade Kim Il Sung showed our people the most glorious way of life, the way of making the revolution and gave them a precious political life.

He embraced all the people to his bosom and looked after them with care. He taught everybody kindly and led him to fight in the honourable revolutionary ranks.

People say that the greatest love in the world is parental love. Yet the love of our leader for the people is far beyond parental love in its depth and loftiness.

Enjoying this love of his, innumerous people in this country have grown as true revolutionaries, as able social and political workers and as competent and honest creators of mental and material wealth.

Living in his embrace, our people fully experienced genuine freedom and happiness and the worth of true human life. That is why our people pay the highest tribute to the lofty achievements he attained struggling for the sake of the people for sixty years.

A man who boundlessly loves his people, Comrade Kim Il Sung strove heart and soul for their freedom and well-being, defying all dangers and denying his pleasure.

Moving stories of his devotion to his people are too numerous to cite.

He waged the revolutionary struggle for the restoration of his fatherland and against Japanese imperialism for 20 years; he led his soldiers in arduous marches; he fought bloody battles against the enemy a thousand times; he saved many times our revolution from crisis at the risk of his life. Indeed, he fought and fought in cold wilderness for the people, overcoming all difficulties.

He liberated his fatherland and returned home in triumph. He worked hard to lead the liberated country to socialism and communism along the shortest way. He drove thousands upon thousands of miles to give on-the-spot guidance. He often sat up till late at night contemplating his plans. Heavy rains and winds could not stop him from going out for local guidance. One time he went to Sosura, a farm village at the northern tip of our country, and trod on the marsh fields. Another time he travelled across the steep mountains of Rangrim. Still another time he went to cooperative farms to see crops in paddies and called at factories under construction.

In one dark night he visited a farm village. Holding the torchlight in his hand, he looked around the grassy track and fixed the sites for reservoir and waterways. In one early morning he made his way to a remote port and went aboard boats to see fishermen's life.

For the people's life he took measures to reclaim tidelands and remove hills for the construction of factories. He made every effort to develop our national resources for the prosperity of the country and the solution of problems of food, clothing and housing. Behind all this were his infinite fatherly affection, concern and consideration of his people.

Busy as he was directing the State affairs, he visited the homes of people and dormitories of workers and attended to every aspect of their life, looking into cooking pots at kitchen, tasting soups and feeling the heated rooms. He learned about their living conditions, asking whether they felt cold at home and the heating went well and what inconveniences they had in their life. One day he called at a house and closely examined the kitchen utensils and the next day went to an electric appliances factory and urged its functionaries to make more and better electric washing machines and cookers and refrigerators.

He saw to it that clothes were supplied to all children at every turn of seasons and called some of them to him to see whether clothes fit them and how good their design and coloring are.

Comrade Kim Il Sung shared sweets and bitters with the people. He often went among the people to know what they wanted and did his best to make the Party's lines and policies fully reflect their desire.

Comrade Kim Il Sung said:

"We have to launch a widespread technical renovation movement in industry and agriculture and all other branches of the national economy so that we will narrow down to a considerable extent the distinction between heavy and light labour, between agricultural and industrial work and free women from the heavy burden of household chores. These are precisely the three major tasks of the technical revolution which we should aim to fulfill in the next few years."

The three major tasks of the technical revolution were based on his great plan to free our workers from heavy labour at the earliest possible date.

One day he gave an inspection to a steel plant. At the steel workshop he went close to the sparkle-flying electric furnace and tried in person the heat coming from molten steel. He took thought for the exposure of blast furnace workers to high temperatures. This love of his for workers made him advance the three major tasks of technological revolution and visit a machine-tools plant in a cold winter day to enkindle the flames of a new movement for technological innovation.

As seen above, his warm hand was everywhere, directing the great work of revolution and construction, looking after the life of the people and even attending to personal problems of individuals.

This kept him always busy, and he spent so many restless days and nights.

It happened one day in the years of arduous anti-Japanese armed struggle.

He worked till late at night at the camp. His orderly came and entreated him to go to bed, saying that the night advanced far and he had to have rest. At his earnest request, Comrade Kim Il Sung answered that he would have an ample rest after the fatherland was liberated.

The same happened one day during the Fatherland Liberation War. Comrade Kim Il Sung stayed up till late at night studying the operational map at the Supreme Command. His adjutant entered his room and asked him to go to bed. Answering to him, Comrade Kim Il Sung said that he would take a good rest after he defeated the enemy, U.S. imperialism, and won in the war.

After the war, he answered in the same way, saying that he wanted to have rest after the country was rehabilitated and the people's life improved. Now our people are well off, but he says that he will take rest after the reunification of the country.

A man who most worries about the country's split, the fatherly leader Comrade Kim Il Sung set forth the line of national reunification on the basis of the *Juche* idea and has made all his efforts to carry it out.

Our brothers and sisters in the south look up to Comrade Kim Il Sung as the sun of the nation, gain strength and courage from him and fight gallantly to hasten the day when they will live in a reunified country under his leadership.

Upon learning the news of the election of Comrade Kim Il Sung as President of the DPRK at the end of last year, a peasant residing in Suwon, south Korea, had this to say:

"The policy of General Kim Il Sung is really for the benefit of us peasants. I fully support his politics. It is natural that he should be acclaimed as President, for he pursues such a policy. The President of north and south Korea is none other than General Kim Il Sung. Though inwardly, I repeated more than once 'Long live President Kim Il Sung!'"

Our 600,000 compatriots in Japan find themselves worth living with great national pride under the warmth and affection of the leader. They say, full of emotions, "The election of Marshal Kim Il Sung as President reflects the desire of all of us overseas Koreans."

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung is indeed the President for all our people and the sun of our nation.

It is an immense happiness, joy and pride for our people to live under his leadership.

To their leader our people entirely owe their present welfare and glory. It is thanks to him that they are assured of a still brighter future. This is an unshakable faith and will embedded in the innermost recess of their hearts.

In whatever storm we will defend and protect our leader with our lives and remain loyal to him forever from generation to generation.

We will attend our leader for thousands upon thousands of years!

Following the path indicated by him, we will greet the day of national reunification. Marching along this path we will build a socialist and communist paradise in our country.

Offering our devoted service to him, we will enjoy a blissful life down through generations and keep the great *Juche* idea in eternal blossom.

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Kim Il Sung,
The name resounding throughout the world,
You, brilliant creator of the Revolution,
You, man of iron will,
Your Works are like maxims.

Thanks to your thoughts,
Korea of Chollima radiates.
Thanks to your intelligence,
The storm of Revolution rages over the earth.

Your people love you
And their affection for you knows no bounds,
You, sun of new Korea,
Sun of the world in the revolution.

The sun being unable to light up the whole of the earth,
There is the night and the day.
But your great revolutionary thoughts shine
Without distinction between night and day,
Shedding light all over the earth beyond the latitude and the longitude.

In response to your appeal for the final battle against the enemy, U.S. imperialism,
The 40 million have risen,
In support of you
The friends of Revolution hold a conviction of victory.

Our guide intelligent and revered,
Marshal Kim Il Sung, respected and beloved,
Manse to you!
Manse to your Party!
Manse to your Works!
O eternal light,
Great Sun of the Revolution!

* Manse means long live in Korean

Great Leader Comrade KIM IL SUNG Illuminates the Path of Revolution with Juche Idea

World People Pay a Tribute to Comrade Kim Il Sung

Today more and more world revolutionary people pay a high tribute to Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great leader of our Party and people, who set out on the revolutionary struggle in his early years and, for 50 years ever since, has been devoting his all to the freedom and liberation of the people, and who founded the great *Juche* idea and has illuminated the path of revolution.

Juche Idea Is a Guiding Idea for World People

Our respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, the revolutionary genius and great thinker and theoretician, originated the immortal *Juche* idea which teaches the great truth of the struggle for liberating mankind, for building socialism and communism.

The *Juche* idea is construed as meaning that the masters of the revolution and construction are the masses of the people who are its motive force.

Holding fast to the *Juche* idea Comrade Kim Il Sung led our people's struggle for the revolution and construction along the road of victory and converted our country into a mighty socialist State in a short span of time.

It has now become the irresistible trend for nations to forge ahead along the road of independence and self-reliance, and great successes have been made in their struggle for independence and socialism.

That is why our foreign friends admire the *Juche* idea created by our leader, calling it a "guiding idea for the people of the whole world" and the "main thought of our times."

"As time passes," an Iraqi lawyer said, "the theory and thinking of Comrade Kim Il Sung cause greater sensation in the world and his authority and prestige increase among the embattled people. Why? The reason is that the only one idea, the great *Juche* idea of Comrade Kim Il Sung, is the key to the solution of all problems in our age. The *Juche* idea serves as an encyclopedic and universal idea in economic construction, national defence, culture and art."

At the "All-Africa Seminar of the *Juche* Idea of Comrade Kim Il Sung," Hashim Mohamed Aboudlegasim, a Sudanese lawyer, declared: "The *Juche* idea is now spreading all over the world. It is a beacon for the people who are waging a hard-fought struggle against imperialism and colonialism.

"The *Juche* idea fathered by Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great leader of the Korean people, is spreading far and wide in the world. The revolutionary people and countries take it as a guideline in shaping all their policies.

"It is a trend now to study and learn from the *Juche* idea of Comrade Kim Il Sung who is loved by the revolutionary people."

In their letter addressed to our leader Asian and African students in Europe wrote:

"The great *Juche* idea you founded for the first time in the world has been materialized in Korea by your people. Its validity and invincible might have been proved before the whole world.

"It sheds as bright a light as the sun over the people throughout the world....

"Your great revolutionary idea, the *Juche* idea, represents the guiding idea, a guide to action and struggle programme for us tricontinental peoples, world revolutionaries and people."

A Lebanese journalist stressed, "The *Juche* idea is the great thought that has sounded the knell for imperialism in the 20th century as the Communist Manifesto did for capitalism in the 19th century."

The revolutionary people and pressmen in the world who find their course of advance in the *Juche* idea study this idea, considering that its dissemination is the sacred duty they assume before the times and a matter of great happiness.

An Iraqi publisher remarked, "One of the most honourable and important tasks of the progressive publications in the world today is to energetically propagandize and generalize the great *Juche* idea which serves as a guiding compass in the people's liberation struggle and in national construction. Our publishing house will become a militant weapon that introduces the great *Juche* idea to our readers."

A Syrian publisher had this to say: "The *Juche* idea of the great leader President Kim Il Sung sheds bright light all over the world. It is our duty to do all we can for the great work of getting all the people to be basked in this light and to take the same path as the Korean people have followed." Nasser, a department director of the Lebanese publishing house "Dar Ralia," said: "It is our highest honour and happiness to publish the brilliant works of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung." He declared his determination to dedicate all his wisdom and energy to the honourable job.

Respected and Beloved Leader President Kim Il Sung Is the People's Leader Who Always Finds Himself Among Them

Our foreign friends have a great esteem for our great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung who has been devoting all his life to realizing the aspiration and desire of the people.

Alex H. Rehard, an Australian, stated, "The great leader His Excellency President Kim Il Sung has a high aim. He always pays his primary attention to the state affairs and the destiny of the country. He is the leader born of the people and works to accomplish their aspiration and desire. That's why the people respect him so deeply."

A Japanese progressive journalist who visited our country with an intense desire to meet Comrade Kim Il Sung which he deemed the greatest honour. After his desire was met, he said impressively:

"Marshal Kim Il Sung is the great leader who does everything in his power for the country and the people and leads the Korean and the world revolution to victory.

"I am now 70. I have been working as a journalist all my life. I have met many heads of States, but never before did I meet such a leader as Marshal Kim Il Sung. He was born of the working people and has been devoting his life entirely to the people. He really is the great sun for the world people."

A Lebanese citizen, who has been making a systematic study of Comrade Kim Il Sung's brilliant works and the reminiscences entitled "Among the People," remarked:

"His Excellency President Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved leader, is a leader of the people. He always finds himself among them. He went out to a farm village and stayed there for 15 days, sharing board and room with the peasants and discussing on the farm work with them. This is indeed something to be admired. History has never known such a leader as he.

"He is willing to visit any place in the country—factories, farm villages, fishing villages and the remote mountainous areas—and invariably shows his concern for the people's livelihood. He really is a great man."

The revolutionary friends of the Korean people in the world speak highly of his wise leadership. They say that our country has fulfilled, in only 14 years the historic task of industrialization, which took the capitalist countries a full century or even a few centuries. This is because Comrade Kim Il Sung has put faith in the people and given them correct guidance so that they might give full play to their wisdom and creative enthusiasm.

An Argentine public figure pointed out, "The history of mankind has not recorded yet such a great change as has been brought about in Korea. All the achievements in Chollima Korea have resulted from the superb guidance of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved leader of the Korean people. His gifted guidance is a key to all the miracles and upswing."

An employee of the Karachi Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Pakistan remarked, "President Kim Il Sung's revolutionary leadership certainly affords an example to the leaders of all countries. He is a great personage, indeed."

President Kim Il Sung Is the Greatest Leader of Our Era Who Guides the World Revolution

The world revolutionary people hold our respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung in great reverence. They look up to him as the "greatest Marxist-Leninist" and as the "outstanding leader of the times who creates history."

A Syrian paper wrote, "True, Marshal Kim Il Sung is the sun shattering all that are outdated and illuminating the path to the building of socialism and communism in the midst of a fierce struggle between the revolutionary and counter-revolutionary forces in our era of tempest, the era of struggle, when the tide of revolution rises like a flood. He is a radiant beacon giving hope, courage and confidence to the oppressed people.

"The red sun shines brightly not only over the Korean peninsula but also over all the other parts of the world."

A well-known Indian public figure declared, "The history of mankind does not know yet such a leader as Comrade Kim Il Sung, the most outstanding leader of the world revolution, great thinker and guide to the times, who contributes to the revolutionary cause—to put an end to exploitation of man by man and to oppression of nation by nation.

"The world people's respect for and trust in the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung are becoming deeper with every passing day."

A member of the Palestinian Liberation Organization stressed: "If history makes a name-list of those who have truly changed the destiny of their country and people, President Kim Il Sung will top the list of such heroic leaders of the world." A public figure in Peru emphasized, "The history of mankind does not know yet such a great revolutionary as President Kim Il Sung who, treading the path of victory, has devoted his all to the revolutionary cause.

A famous Japanese philosopher wrote his impressions as follows:

"There are many geniuses, heroes and great men who devote themselves to the socialist revolution. President Kim Il Sung is most outstanding among them all. His name will go down long in the history of the world.

"President Kim Il Sung is endowed not only with the wisdom of a genius but also with strong affection rarely to be seen in the world.

"His incomparably great preeminence does not end here. His indomitable will one can hardly emulate and his striking abilities are all the more marvellous."

A correspondent of a capitalist country in Tokyo, Japan, expressed his boundless admiration for President Kim Il Sung. He said: "President Kim Il Sung is a hero produced by the new age. He is the greatest leader invested with a revolutionary sweep. He is most distinguished among the heroes in Europe, Asia, Africa and Latin America."

Harangdein, a West German, said in an emphatic tone, "The world revolutionary people know Marshal Kim Il Sung well. He is the greatest leader of our times who guides the world revolution." A public figure in Mali remarked, "Marshal Kim Il Sung is the hero of the 20th century and a great revolutionary leader born of mankind."

A French teacher in Algeria pointed out, "The *Juche* idea has become a Marxist-Leninist truth for all the revolutionaries. The name of President Kim Il Sung, the originator of the *Juche* idea and practician, will be long remembered like the names of Marx and Lenin." He wished the President a long life and good health.

Socialist Korea Prospering under the Banner of Juche Idea

Powerful Independent Economy

Guided by the great revolutionary leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, Korea is now racing against time, compressing ten years, a hundred years into one.

There has been a giant stride forward in all spheres, political, cultural and scientific. Yet, economic leap is all the more noticeable.

History tells that it took a full century or even a few centuries to convert an agrarian country into an industrial State. But in bringing about such a conversion we set a new record—only 14 years. In this short span of time our economy grew to be a mighty one possessed of perfectly-furnished heavy industry with powerful machine-building industry at the core, diversified structure of industrial production and solid raw material bases of its own, all its branches including agriculture being equipped with modern technology. It is run and managed by our own cadres and people with their own techniques and strength.

Korea has a strong independent economy which satisfies the home demands for industrial goods and farm produce needed for economic construction and defence building and the people's life.

It was in 1945 that she cast off the yoke of Japanese imperialist colonial rule.

Destroyed factories, disorderly transport services, devastated agriculture, acute shortage of funds—this was just how matters stood with her economy at that time.

After our country was liberated, we Korean people under the wise guidance of our leader rose as one to build up a new country, wealthy and mighty. But our peaceful labour did not last long.

Five years after the liberation, the U.S. imperialists triggered off a war and burned down everything in this land.

We were not disheartened in the least, however.

Our leader inspired us with such confidence and courage that we would be fully able to build a new life as long as there existed the Party, power, the people and the territory.

He taught us:

"The idea of *Juche*...is an idea that one is responsible for one's own destiny and that one has also the capacity for hewing out one's own destiny."

Juche is a powerful weapon of struggle. Holding high this weapon, our people turned out in the struggle to build a strong economy which would stand firm on its own feet, brushing aside the factionalists and dogmatists who, with no faith in their own strength, were accustomed to look only to others and merely parrot what they say.

The situation was difficult in those days. Though they were lacking both in experience and technology, our heroic workers designed and manufactured up-to-date machines and equipment as well as aggregate plants for modern factories by themselves and with collective wisdom through their strenuous efforts, tightening their belts.

Every product is a great fruit of the spirit of self-reliance, whether it is the truck "Sungri" or the tractor "Chollima" or the ship "Mangyongbong" and be it an installation for chemical or metallurgical plant or for power station. The same applies to the complete sets of equipment put out for our modern factories.

Renowned for its *Juche* and self-reliance, Korea produces on its own all kinds of machinery ranging from simple machines to intricate precision machines and heavy ones, plus all pieces of equipment. In this country machines beget machines and factories beget factories.

Industrial establishments are to be found everywhere—in the plains and even in deep mountains and valleys and on far-off islands. We have machine factories, metallurgical and chemical plants, building-materials factories, power stations, coal and ore mines. Our harmoniously-developed industry relies on domestic resources and raw material bases.

The outdated viewpoint that the production of iron is impossible without coking coal has been gotten rid of. We now produce iron with anthracite abundant in our country, make rayon from reed and turn lime stone into fibre.

The vinalon factory which sprang up on the spot where reeds had overgrown for thousands of years, the April 13 Iron Works whose furnaces pour out molten iron constantly, giving off coils of smoke, symbolic of the spirit of Chollima and the June 22nd Chemical Fibre Factory which lies along the Amnok-gang River in the northern fringe of the country—all this demonstrates the might of *Juche* that enabled us to produce what we did not have and find out what we wanted.

By virtue of the might of *Juche*, a wide variety of new mineral ores which were considered non-existent in this land have been discovered.

Korea's industry which depends on its own raw material bases and on its own fuel and power bases is independent and modern with its production structure diversified, not concentrated one-sidedly in any limited branches.

In reliance upon the powerful heavy industry, we set up a modern light industry base. This is an important success we gained in assuring many-sided development of the national economy and building an independent national economy.

In our country which did not have even the basis for handicraft under Japanese imperialist rule, a powerful modernly-furnished light industry came into being with its all necessary sectors in different parts of the country there are factories turning out textiles, daily necessities, foodstuffs, luxury goods, etc.

Each town and county has ten or more locally-run factories on the average.

Through vigorous promotion of the technical, cultural and ideological revolutions and the strengthening of support to the countryside by town, the look of our agriculture has undergone a radical change.

With the main emphasis on the production of grain, the cultivation of industrial crops, vegetables, fruits and so on has made development on an equal basis. As a result, our agriculture serves as a solid centre of food supply, as a reliable base for raw materials.

With powerful heavy industry, modern light industry and diversified agriculture, Korea's economy has been placed on a high scientific and technological basis.

In industry full-scale automation and semi-automation are widely effected, and agricultural production is done by the industrial method thanks to the rapid progress of comprehensive mechanization and overall chemicalization in the countryside where irrigation and electrification have already been completed.

Well equipped with modern technology, the national economy forms a comprehensive system in which all its branches are interlinked with each other organically, and it develops from day to day.

To take an instance. The output value of the engineering industry in 1971 was 569 times that in 1946.

The per capita output of major industrial products such as electricity, coal, steel, chemical fertilizers and cement has reached the level of advanced industrial countries or surpassed it. Korea today self-supplies various types of up-to-date weapons and combat technical equipment needed in arming the People's Army and the entire people.

No matter where it stands in this country, every shop is stacked with home-made goods. The people's demands for articles of daily use, goods for cultural use, household utensils and processed food are met with products of domestic manufacture.

The Korean people who had suffered from hunger in abject poverty with no hope for the morrow have become a people of a socialist industrial State with a powerful independent national economy. All of them are living full of happiness, free from any worries and cares about the food, clothing and housing problems.

Beneath the banner of the *Juche* idea of their leader, our people have won a great victory in the building of an independent and sovereign country, rich and strong, and captured a high peak lying on the way to socialism and communism.

Indeed, with the founding of an independent, modern industry and the introduction of modern technology in all branches of the national economy, including agriculture, our country has done away with the economic and technical backwardness, the hangover from the old society, and has joined the ranks of the advanced countries of the world as a full-fledged member.

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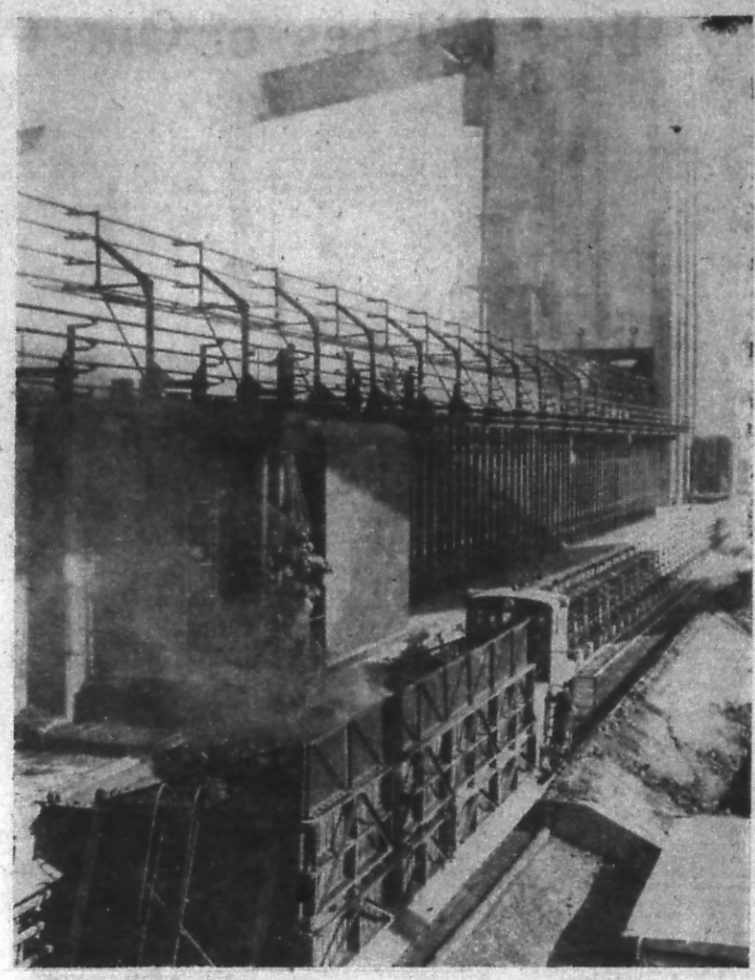

Part of the coking battery of the Kim Chaek Iron Works, a big metallurgical base in the northern region of Korea

A scene from the revolutionary opera "Sea of Blood" based on the immortal classical masterpiece "Sea of Blood"

Paradise of People

Socialist Korea, the country of morning calm, is prospering under the wise guidance of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the sun of our nation.

Our people who once were in absence of rights and in abject poverty are well off under his loving care.

Comrade Kim Il Sung, the leader of people, founded the great *Juche* idea that demands one to attach the greatest importance to people in all matters and serve them and set up a most advanced socialist system in this country, under which the people lead a blissful life.

Our respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung pointed out:

"Our socialist system is the best social system under which the working masses are masters of everything and everything in society serves the working masses."

Our people who had been long subjected to exploitation, oppression, maltreatment and contempt now enjoy an independent and creative life as masters of the state and the means of production.

Workers and peasants are elected to the State power organs of various levels and participate in the State administration.

The people have genuine freedom and rights of political activities. All State policies fully reflect their desire and aspiration and serve them.

The people hold the means of production in their hands. All forms of exploitation and oppression have been eliminated once and for good and the working masses truly enjoy the social wealth they created. So in our country the masses of the people live a dignified and hope-filled life as full-fledged masters of society.

Under our socialist system established by the leader all the people lead an equally abundant and decent life, free from care of food, clothing and housing.

Everyone is given a job by the State, according to his ability and aptitude. The State provides workers and office employees with foods at price next to nil and supplies all the children and students with clothes. The house rent workers and office employees pay is dirt-cheap, to be exact, less than 0.6 per cent of their living cost, and the house rent, electric and water fees and price of fuel, all taken together, only 3 per cent of their living cost.

Peasants are free from taxes. This is unprecedent in our history. Running water and bus service are available in rural villages. Rural clinics are developed into hospitals. As a result, the living conditions of peasants are coming up close to those of urban dwellers. They decently live in modern houses built at State expense. Their income increases year by year. They are rich. This is what our socialist modern villages are like.

Before liberation, unemployment and poverty dogged the life of our working people, as the shadow would follow the substance. Now these are gone eternally.

Everybody is afforded an ample opportunity to receive education and realize his ideal. Our younger generation learn to their hearts' content, with the State stipends. "Tuition" is a cramped word for them. The preschool children grow up happily in nurseries and kindergartens at State and public expenses. The adults who had no education before in exploiter society study while on the job at schools according to their wishes and ability. Our country is a "land of education," a "land of learning" where all the people study by the benefit of the State.

"Sixty is yet youth, sexagenary anniversary falls on the ninety of age," this is a saying with us. Our people live long in good health. Universal free medical care has been introduced and all the people are free from worries of medical care. There are hospitals and doctors in all places the people work and live. The State is responsible for the health of the working people. Our mortality has now been reduced by half and the average life span of the people increased by 26 years, compared with the pre-liberation years.

Our history of five thousand years has never witnessed such prosperity that the masses of the people have been emancipated from all social and economic shackles and live a free, happy life, as seen today.

Therefore, workers, peasants and working intellectuals—all people, old and young, man and woman—in this socialist country, an earthly paradise, sing of their welfare that they enjoy under the warmth and affection of their fatherly leader.

Chollima Korea, the country of *Juche*, under the guidance of President Kim Il Sung, the leader of people, is a paradise of people.

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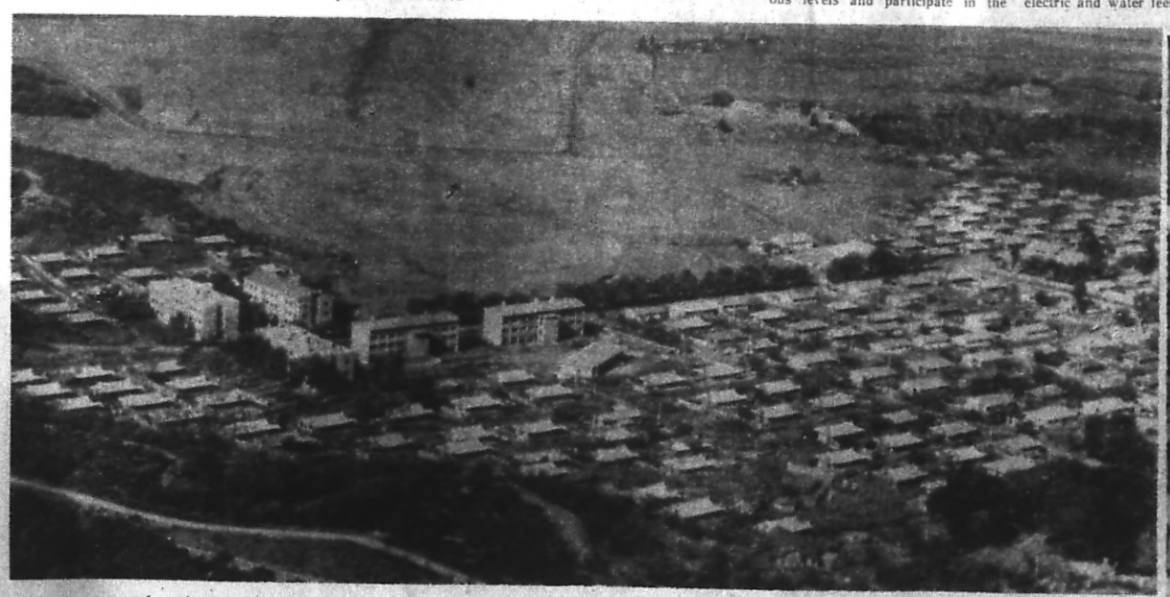

A modern socialist farm village thriving under the rays of the "Theses on the Socialist Rural Question in Our Country"

Our children are the happiest

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